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4. (GLC) Received a call from Mr. Pragel, Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, who is interested in obtaining unclassified information on the machine tool industry in Poland for a Congressman. I advised Pragel that there was an established channel	
for liasion between the Agency and the Library of Congress and that I would place his request in that channel.	
5. (JGO) Mr. Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, advised that Senator Eastland would not be in a position	
to consider the possible appearance of before the Subcommittee before early next week. Senator Eastland is engrossed in the Civil Rights bill and this item is pending on his desk along with several others of interest to the Subcommittee.	

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Rourke, Administrative Assistant to Representative John R. Pillion, stopped by the Congressman's office to see him. Mr. Pillion desired advice concerning the publication INTELLIGENCE DIGEST put out by Kenneth DeCoursey in London. Advised Mr. Pillion that as a matter of policy, we could not comment on the publication or its author directly and specifically could not verify the information set forth by DeCoursey concerning increases in 1962 in the Soviet military budget. I indicated that, in general, it had been the experience of this Agency in receiving such publications, of which there are many, that the authors usually were capable reporters of facts which were generally available to the competent research analyst but that the conclusions and projections were found in error in most instances.

Pillion asked if we would be so kind as to advise him unofficially whether there had been an increase in the Soviet expenditures for armaments in 1962 and whether there had been an increase in the Soviet European Bloc countries during the same period. Advised Pillion I would see if we couldn't provide the information requested.

Pillion indicated that under no circumstances would be indicate any of the information which might be utilized by him in speeches or otherwise as having been received from this Agency.

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5X1	8. JGO) Contacted William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, concerning a possible date for our monthly meeting with the Committee to bring them up to date. Darden advised that Senator Russell would be occupied full time through Friday at least on the Civil Rights bill. As a result, the setting of a date would have to be postponed at least until the first of the week.
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9.	- JGO) Mr. Frank Tavenner, House Com-
mittee on Un-Ar	nerican Activities staff, advised that although he had not had
occasion to disc	uss the appearance of
Chairman Walte	r, he is certain Mr. Walter will approve scheduling of the
hearing within th	ne period suggested. As soon as we are ready (probably
sometime next w	veek) Tavenner will assign a member of the staff to work
directly with ne	in preparation for the hearing should we so desire.
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